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SUBJECT: GREEK REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION ON EASTERN
MEDITERRANEAN PROGRAM

REF: (A) ATHENS 2686, (B) ATHENS 2701, (C) ATHENS 2702,
(D) STATE 85786, (E) ATHENS 2770 (ALL NOTAL)

1. THERE FOLLOWS GUIDANCE ON VARIOUS POINTS RAISED BY
GREEK GOVERNMENT IN MEETINGS WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS WHICH
WERE NOT FULLY COVERED IN STATE 85786.

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2. SURPLUS MILITARY ITEMS (REF A, PARA 7). YOU MAY INFORM
GOG THAT NO PROMISES WERE MADE DURING THE CHRISTOPHER MISS-
ION CONCERNING THE ITEMS CONTAINED IN THE 1976 KISSINGER-
BITSIOS EXCHANGE OF NOTES. IT IS CONTEMPLATED TURKEY WILL
RECEIVE DOLS 175 MILLION IN FMS CREDITS IN FY 79. THEY
COULD, OF COURSE, PURCHASE SOME OF THE ITEMS WHICH APPEAR
ON THAT LIST. BUT NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN ON ANY

PARTICULAR ITEMS AND, GIVEN THE FACT THE LIST WAS DRAWN UP OVER TWO YEARS AGO, WE ARE NOT EVEN CERTAIN OF THE AVAILABILITY OF ALL THE ITEMS. YOU MAY WISH TO REMIND GREEKS THAT THEY HAVE IN HAND A "PARITY-PROCUREMENT" LIST WHICH IS A COUNTERPART TO THE TURKISH DOCUMENT.

3. RESTATEMENT OF SECURITY ASSURANCES CONTAINED IN

KISSINGER-BITSIOS EXCHANGE (REF A, PARA 9). LANGUAGE SIMILAR TO THAT CONTAINED IN KISSINGER-BITSIOS EXCHANGE HAS BEEN INCORPORATED IN OPENING STATEMENT SECRETARY WILL MAKE BEFORE HIRC APRIL 6. AS INDICATED IN EWING-MILLS TELECON APRIL 3, DECISION WAS MADE APRIL 3 THAT DEPARTMENT ISSUE STRAIGHT-FORWARD FACTUAL DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM. IT WAS FELT THAT IT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE-- AND WOULD HAVE GREATER IMPACT--TO INCLUDE REITERATION OF SECURITY GUARANTEE IN SECRETARY'S STATEMENT. WE WILL CABLE COPY OF SECRETARY'S STATEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. SECURITY SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE FOR GREECE (REF A, PARA 13). SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN TO AMBASSADOR'S RECOMMENDATION THAT SSA BE PROVIDED TO GREECE TO GIVE ADMINISTRATION'S PROGRAM SYMMETRY. AS YOU ARE AWARE, GREECE RECEIVED A DOLS 65 MILLION SSA LOAN IN 1976. IT WAS DECIDED THAT GIVEN THE VASTLY BETTER ECONOMIC SITUATION IN GREECE IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT, IF NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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IMPOSSIBLE, TO JUSTIFY ANOTHER SUCH LOAN NOW JUST BECAUSE TURKEY WOULD RECEIVE ONE.

5. CYPRUS PROPOSALS PROCEDURE (REF C, PARA 4). YOU CAN INFORM GOG THAT OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROCEDURAL AGREEMENT WHICH ECEVIT WORKED OUT WITH UNSYG LAST JANUAR IS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS THE GREEKS, BUT WE BELIEVE IT UP TO THE PARTIES THEMSELVES TO WORK OUT THESE PROCEDURES. THE ESSENTIAL POINT IS THAT PARTIES TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS SO THAT SERIOUS NEGOTIATION OF THE ISSUES CAN BEGIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. YOU SHOULD STRESS POINTS COUNSELOR NIMETZ MADE TO ALEXANDRAKIS (REF D, PARA 3) RE OUR EXPECTATIONS ON PROPOSALS.

6. NATO (REF C, PARA 8). NATO WAS NOT SPECIFICALLY DISCUSSED BY ECEVIT AND CHRISTOPHER BUT THERE WAS SOME GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE BETWEEN MEMBERS OF MISSION AND TURKISH MFA OFFICIALS IN ANKARA. YOU SHOULD INFORM GOG THAT IN RECENT DISCUSSIONS WE HAVE STRESSED TO GOT THAT AS WE MOVE AHEAD WITH EFFORTS TO IMPROVE US-TURKISH RELATIONS, THE TURKS SHOULD FIND WAYS TO BE EQUALLY FORTHCOMING WITH RESPECT TO GREEK MOVES

BACK TO THE NATO ALLIANCE. REF C HAS BEEN REPEATED
FOR GENERAL HAIG'S CONSIDERATION.

7. RE PARA 6 OF REF C, DEPARTMENT BELEIVES THIS POINT
WAS ADEQUATELY COVERED IN PARAS 7 AND 8 OF REF D. POST
SHOULD DRAW ON THESE GENERAL POINTS IN RESPONDING TO
TZOUNIS' INQUIRY. VANCE

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